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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S TRIP

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1. GOB AND NATO ASSENT TO THE PROPOSED JANUARY 6 VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT TO BRUSSELS, WITH A SCHEDULE SUCH AS IS OUTLINED IN REF A. EC AGREEMENT WAS REPORTED IN REF B. WE FORESEE NO SERIOUS PLANNING DIFFICULTIES, SINCE THE REINSTATED VISIT ENVISIONS A SCHEDULE SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH THE THREE INSTITUTIONS ACCEPTED IN AGREEING TO A DETAILED SCENARIO WITH THE PREADVANCE TEAM HERE NOVEMBER 5-6.

2. THE DRAFT SCHEDULE SET FORTH IN REF A POSES NO PROBLEMS TO THE EMBASSY, USEC OR USNATO REGARDING THE BASIC APPORTIONMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S TIME. HOWEVER IT GIVES RISE TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

--IT TAKES ONLY TEN MINUTES TO TRAVEL FROM THE PALACE TO EC HEADQUARTERS. IS THERE SOME SPECIFIC REASON FOR ALLOCATING THE 1400-1430 PERIOD TO THAT TRAVEL?

--THE DRAFT SCHEDULE ALLOCATES ONE HOUR TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
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STAY AT EC HEADQUARTERS (1430-1530). THE PREADVANCE TEAM APPROVED AN EXTREMELY TIGHT 80-MINUTE SCHEDULE THERE. USEC BELIEVES THAT ANYTHING LESS THAN 80 MINUTES WILL BE INADEQUATE FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPROVED THE 80-MINUTE SCHEDULE PREVIOUSLY AND REQUESTS THE PERIOD AT EC HEADQUARTERS BE EXTENDED TO ONE HOUR AND 35 MINUTES TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE DESIRED PRESS AND PHOTO

OPPORTUNITIES.

--THE DRIVE FROM EC HEADQUARTERS TO NATO TAKES 15 MINUTES ONLY. IS THERE OTHER ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR THE 1530-1600 PERIOD ALLOCATED IN THE DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR THAT MOVEMENT?

--THE DRIVE FROM NATO TO THE AIRPORT TAKES TEN MINUTES AND THE DEPARTURE CEREMONIES AND TAKEOFF ANOTHER TEN MINUTES. A ONE-HOUR PERIOD (1700-1800) IS ALLOWED FROM THE END OF "NATO TALKS" TO DEPARTURE. DOES THIS PERIOD INCLUDE A "PRESS FILING PERIOD" OF 20 MINUTES PROPOSED BY THE PREADVANCE TEAM AFTER THE PRESIDENT LEAVES THE NATO COUNCIL SESSION? IF SO, WHAT ACTIVITY IS PROPOSED FOR THE PRESIDENT DURING THAT TIME? USNATO CONSIDERS THAT THE ONE HOUR ALLOCATED TO THE COUNCIL SESSION IS INADEQUATE AND REQUESTS A TOTAL OF 80 MINUTES, INCLUDING THE REQUIRED EXTENSIVE PHOTO OPPORTUNITY IN THE COUNCIL ROOM.

3. AS SOON AS THE FOREGOING POINTS ARE CLARIFIED, EMBASSY, USEC AND USNATO WILL MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO ADJUST THE EXISTING SCENARIO. THEREUPON WE WOULD SUBMIT DETAILED REVISED SCENARIOS FOR EACH SEGMENT OF THE VISIT. SINCE NATO AUTHORITIES WILL SOON BECOME PREOCCUPIED WITH THE WINTER MINISTERIAL WEEK (DECEMBER 5-9) AND THE HOLIDAY WIND-DOWN AT EC WILL SOON BEGIN, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO START ON SCENARIO REVISIONS AT THE START OF THE  
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